

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

(Claims 39, 40, 43-46, 49-51, 56 and 57 have been amended; claim 48 has been canceled; and claims 59-63 have been added.)

1-38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to learn a subject, the method comprising:

- presenting materials on the subject to the user via a computer;
- monitoring a timing regarding an input by the user to the computer, with the input being in response to the materials;
- analyzing the timing; and
- adjusting the materials for presenting to the user presented in response to the analysis of the timing, wherein the adjustment adjusts an audio effect regarding presenting the materials on the subject, which is capable of improving the user's concentration in learning the subject.

40. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to learn a subject, the method comprising ~~The method of claim 39 wherein:~~

- presenting materials on the subject to the user via a computer;
- monitoring a timing regarding an input by the user to the computer, with the input being in response to the materials with the monitoring comprising ~~monitoring a timing comprises~~ monitoring the timing during different periods within a session for learning the materials;
- analyzing the timing with the analyzing comprising ~~analyzing the timing comprises~~ comparing the timing from different periods; and
- adjusting the materials for presenting to the user in response to the analysis of the timing, with the adjusting comprising ~~adjusting the materials presented comprises~~ adjusting the materials in response to a change in the timing from different periods, wherein the adjustment is capable of improving the user's concentration in learning the subject.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein monitoring the timing comprises monitoring a time lag between when material is presented and when the user first responds to the material.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein monitoring the timing comprises monitoring a speed of the user's input.

43. (Currently amended) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting ~~presented~~ comprises adjusting the materials independent of the content of the input.

44. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to learn a subject, the method comprising ~~The method of claim 39 wherein:~~

presenting materials on the subject to the user via a computer;

monitoring a timing regarding an input by the user to the computer, with the input being in response to the materials, with the monitoring comprising ~~monitoring a timing comprises~~ monitoring a timing from each of a number of inputs;

analyzing the timing with the analyzing comprising ~~analyzing the timing comprises~~ analyzing based on averaging the timings of the number of inputs; and

adjusting the materials for presenting to the user in response to the analysis of the timing, wherein the adjustment is capable of improving the user's concentration in learning the subject.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting ~~presented~~ comprises presenting a question in response to the analysis of the timing.

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim 45 wherein the question does not have to be related to the subject ~~is unrelated to the subject~~.

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45 wherein the user's reply to the question is not used to assess the user's understanding of the subject.

48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently amended) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting ~~presented~~ comprises changing a pace of the presentation of the materials in response to the analysis of the timing.

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting ~~presented~~ comprises increasing a stimulation level of the materials in response to the analysis of the timing.

51. (Currently amended) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting ~~presented~~ comprises switching to a different set of materials in response to the analysis of the timing.

52. (Withdrawn) A method for focusing a user's attention on materials teaching a subject, the method comprising:

presenting materials on the subject to the user via a computer;

waiting for a user input to the computer, with the input being related to the materials presented; and

upon a failure to receive the user input within a predetermined time period, adjusting the materials presented, wherein the adjustment is capable of attracting the user's attention to the materials.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 52 wherein waiting for a user input is related to waiting for an answer from the user to a question presented in the materials.

54. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 52 wherein the user input is related to the user input to move the materials along for learning the materials.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 52 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises presenting a question upon a failure to receive the user input within the predetermined time period.

56. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to learn one or more subject(s) over two or more ~~working~~ sessions, the method comprising:

~~retrieving a characteristic regarding a timing with respect to inputs by the user to a computer during one or more previous working sessions of the user;~~

presenting materials on a subject to the user in a session via a computer;

monitoring a timing of an input by the user to the computer, with the input being in response to the materials;

analyzing the timing taking into consideration the timing of an input by the user to a computer during another session based at least in part on a comparison with the retrieved characteristic; and

adjusting the materials for presenting to the user ~~presented~~ in response to the analysis of the timing, wherein the adjustment is capable of improving the user's concentration in learning the subject.

57. (Currently amended) The method of claim 56 further comprising keeping track of a characteristic of the user; and updating the characteristic based on the monitored timing.

58. (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method for helping a user work on materials to learn a subject, the method comprising:

presenting materials on the subject to the user, the materials including visual materials presented on a display for a computer;

receiving more than one input from the user in connection with the materials presented, where there are at least two locations on the display to receive the inputs; and

adjusting the materials presented in response to the locations of the inputs from the user, wherein based on the adjustment, the user's concentration in working on the materials can be improved.

59. (New) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to learn a subject, the method comprising:
- presenting materials on the subject to the user via a computer;
 - monitoring a timing regarding an input by the user to the computer, with the input being in response to the materials;
 - analyzing the timing; and
 - adjusting the materials for presenting to the user in response to the analysis of the timing,
- wherein the adjustment adjusts a visual effect regarding presenting the materials on the subject, which is capable of improving the user's concentration in learning the subject.
60. (New) The method of claim 59 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting comprises adjusting the materials independent of the content of the input.
61. (New) The method of claim 59 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting comprises presenting a question.
62. (New) The method of claim 59 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting comprises changing a pace of the presentation of the materials.
63. (New) The method of claim 59 wherein adjusting the materials for presenting comprises switching to a different set of materials.